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Dates & Events

December 24 - 31

Holiday - Office Closed

January 1 - 2

Holiday - Office Closed

January 12-14

Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference, Ramada Inn, Kearney

March 11-12

Triumph of Ag Expo, Omaha

March 15

FORM A - Winter Small Grains

April 15

Form A - Spring Small Grains

May 15

Form A - Forage Grasses
Form B - Small Grains

May 25

Holiday - Office Closed

June 1

Form A - Dry Edible Beans, Millet
Form B - Forage Grasses, RR Soybean Applications

June 10

Corn Applications

June 27- July 1

AOSCA Meeting, Portland

June 10

Corn Applications

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Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference - 2009

The NCIA Staff and Board of Directors would like to invite all of the members of the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and Nebraska Seed Trade Association (NSTA) to join us at the Kearney Ramada Inn and Conference Center on January 12 -14 for the 2009 Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference. The annual conference brings together members of both Associations for educational presentations, business meetings, and interaction with colleagues. Excellent speakers and a trade show that will address issues that impact your seed enterprise will highlight the conference.

The conference will be formatted similar to last year. It really is condensed into one and a half days to accommodate those that only want to spend one night. The Product Action Sessions will all be held at different times. This will allow each member to attend those that interest them or they may attend all of the sessions. On Wednesday, the annual meeting will be held at 11:00 with a buffet lunch to follow.

The speakers on Tuesday will all have a complementary topic that will encompass the theme of **Modern Plant Breeding, Science, Technology, and Art**. This program will uncover the science and technology that is part of the modern plant breeding process and will help you understand its limitations.

For questions regarding the program or registration information, contact the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association by phone 402-472-1444, fax 402-472-8652, or email sknox@unl.edu. The schedule and registration form is located on the NCIA web site (<http://www.unl.edu/ncia>)

Lodging reservations must be made by December 12, 2008. Please call the Ramada Inn and Conference Center at 800-652-1909 or 308-237-3141. The special convention rate is \$61.00 per night. In order to receive the convention rate, mention you are attending the Nebraska Seed Improvement Conference.

Monday, January 12

6:30 pm NSTA Past Presidents Reception - Social Hour & Casino Night

Tuesday, January 13

7:30 Breakfast
8:00 NSTA Committee Meetings
9:00 NSTA Annual Meeting
10:00 Break
10:30 **Modern Plant Breeding: Science, Technology, and Art.**
Genetic Engineering - Dr. Deana Namuth, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture
Marker Assisted Breeding - Dr. Don Lee, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture
Noon Scholarship Lunch
1:00 Corn Product Action Session
The Process of Corn Breeding - TBA
2:00 Soybean Product Action Session
The Process of Soybean Breeding - Dr. George Graf, UNL Agronomy and Horticulture
3:00 Break
3:30 Grass Product Action Session
The Process of Grass Breeding - Dr. Ken Vogel, USDA-ARS
4:30 Small Grain Product Action Session
The Process of Wheat Breeding - Dr. Bob Graybosch, USDA-ARS
6:00 Social Hour
7:00 Awards Banquet

Wednesday, January 14

7:30 Breakfast
8:00 NGN Annual Meeting
10:00 NCIA Educational Update
10:00 **Food and Fuel** - Scott Merritt, Nebraska Corn Growers Association
11:00 NCIA Annual Meeting
Noon Lunch

Reminder

Seed Production and Distribution Reports for winter small grains were due November 1, 2008, and will be delinquent on December 31, 2008. Late fees of \$10 per field will be assessed on all reports not postmarked by December 31.

Certified Seed Bags

A new supply of Nebraska Certified Seed Bags are now available through the NCIA office. We are offering these bags at our cost (\$0.45). Please contact the NCIA office to order your supply.

In Sympathy

The NCIA would like to express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Max Richeson. Max passed away on November 11, 2008.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

This newsletter will serve as your official notice of the NCIA Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. It will be held at the Ramada Inn of Kearney. Elections of board members for District 4 and State-at-Large and financial reports are a couple of the items on the agenda. If you have any questions, please call the NCIA office.



Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year